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UNITED STATES.

REPORTS TO THE SURGEON-GENERAL, PUBLIC HEALTH AND MARINE-HOSPITAL SERVICE.

PLAGUE-PREVENTION WORK.

Infected Ground Squirrels.

A second infected ground squirrel was found March 4, 1910, in Oakland Township.

Passed Assistant Surgeon McCoy reports:

Summary of examinations at the plague laboratories at San Francisco and Oakland, Cal.

Week ended March 12. Rodents examined as follows: *Mus norvegicus*, 1,832; *Mus rattus*, 115; *Mus alexandrinus*, 73; *Mus musculus*, 514; ground squirrels, 2,843; gophers, 95; rabbits, 40; weasels, 4; total, 5,516. One infected squirrel was found in Alameda County.

SAN FRANCISCO, CAL.

Last case of human plague sickened January 30, 1908. Last case of rodent plague trapped October 23, 1908. Total number of rats found infected to date, 398.

Week ended March 12, 1910. Premises inspected, 1,361. Houses destroyed, 8. Nuisances abated, 199. Poisons placed, 6,010. Rats trapped, 1,920. Rats found dead, 25. Gophers trapped, 10. Squirrels trapped, 2. Rats identified, 1,945, as follows: *Mus norvegicus*, 1,374; *Mus rattus*, 110; *Mus musculus*, 392; *Mus alexandrinus*, 69. Examined bacteriologically 1,565 rats, 10 gophers, and 2 squirrels. No plague infection found.

OAKLAND, CAL.

Last case of human plague sickened October 26, 1909. Last case of rodent plague trapped December 1, 1908.

Week ended March 12, 1910. Rats found dead, 15. Rats trapped, 574. Rats identified, 589, as follows: *Mus norvegicus*, 458; *Mus rattus*, 5; *Mus musculus*, 122; *Mus alexandrinus*, 4. Rats examined bacteriologically, 449.

ALAMEDA COUNTY, CAL. (Exclusive of Oakland).

Last case of human plague sickened 2 miles southwest of Sunol September 26, 1909. Last plague-infected rodent found March 4, 1910. To the present time 66 ground squirrels and 1 wood rat have been found infected.

Week ended March 12, 1910. Ranches inspected, 14. Ground squirrels shot, 229. Ground squirrels found dead, 1. Gophers trapped, 95. Acres covered with poison, 194. Examined bacteriologically, 300 squirrels and 95 gophers. One plague-infected squirrel was found.

The plague-infected ground squirrel was found in Oakland Township.

FRESNO COUNTY, CAL.

There is no record of human or rodent plague in Fresno County.

Week ended March 12. Ranches inspected, 30. Ground squirrels shot, 581. Ground squirrels examined bacteriologically, 575. No plague-infected squirrels found.

MADERA COUNTY, CAL.

There is no record of human or rodent plague in Madera County.

Week ended March 12. Ranches inspected, 7. Ground squirrels shot, 329. Ground squirrels examined bacteriologically, 325. No plague-infected squirrels found.

MERCED COUNTY, CAL.

There is no record of human or rodent plague in Merced County.

Week ended March 12. Ranches inspected, 7. Ground squirrels shot, 251. Rabbits shot, 28. Examined bacteriologically, 248 squirrels and 28 rabbits. No plague infection found.

MONTEREY COUNTY, CAL.

There is no record of human or rodent plague in Monterey County.

Week ended March 12. Ranches inspected, 31. Ground squirrels shot, 420. Ground squirrels examined bacteriologically, 414. No plague infection found.

SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY, CAL.

There is no record of human plague in San Luis Obispo County. A plague-infected rodent was found January 29, 1910.

Week ended March 12. Ranches inspected, 23. Ground squirrels shot, 207. Ground squirrels examined bacteriologically, 207. No plague-infected squirrels found.

SAN MATEO COUNTY, CAL.

There is no record of human or rodent plague in San Mateo County.

Week ended March 12. Ranches inspected, 2. Ground squirrels shot, 78. Ground squirrels examined bacteriologically, 78. No plague-infected squirrels found.

SANTA BARBARA COUNTY, CAL.

There is no record of human or rodent plague in Santa Barbara County.

Week ended March 12. Ranches inspected, 28. Ground squirrels shot, 228. Gophers trapped, 20. Examined bacteriologically, 221 squirrels and 20 gophers. No plague infection found.

SANTA CLARA COUNTY, CAL.

There is no record of human plague in Santa Clara County. The last plague-infected rodent was found November 3, 1909. Total number of ground squirrels found infected to date, 9.

Week ended March 12. Ranches inspected, 8. Ground squirrels shot, 139; found dead, 1. Rabbits shot, 4. Rats trapped, 14. Examined bacteriologically, 136 ground squirrels, 4 rabbits, 14 rats. No plague infection found.

TULARE COUNTY, CAL.

There is no record of human or rodent plague in Tulare County.

Week ended March 12. Ranches inspected, 141. Ground squirrels shot, 419. Rabbits shot, 2. Examined bacteriologically, 414 squirrels and 2 rabbits. No plague infection found.

VENTURA COUNTY, CAL.

There is no record of human or rodent plague in Ventura County.

Week ended March 12. Ranches inspected, 7. Ground squirrels shot, 171. Ground squirrels examined bacteriologically, 165. No plague-infected squirrels found.

SMALLPOX IN THE UNITED STATES.

Reports Received During Week Ended April 1, 1910.

Place.	Date.	Cases.	Deaths.	Remarks.
Alabama:				
Mobile.....	Mar. 13-19.....	1		
Montgomery.....	Mar. 13-19.....	9	1	
California:				
Sacramento.....	Feb. 1-28.....	4		
San Francisco.....	Mar. 6-12.....	1		
Florida:				
Duval County.....	Mar. 13-19.....	1		
Louisiana:				
New Orleans.....	Mar. 13-19.....	10		
Mississippi:				
Woodville.....	Mar. 13-19.....	2		
Tennessee:				
Chattanooga.....	Mar. 13-19.....	6		
Memphis.....	Mar. 13-19.....	5		
Nashville.....	Mar. 13-19.....	3		
Texas:				
Galveston.....	Mar. 13-19.....	2	1	
Taylor.....	Mar. 13-19.....	1		
Virginia:				
Lynchburg.....	Mar. 13-19.....	3		

Reports Received from January 1 to March 25, 1910.

[For reports received from June 25, 1909, to December 31, 1909, see PUBLIC HEALTH REPORTS for December 31, 1909. In accordance with custom, the tables of epidemic diseases are terminated semiannually and new tables begun.]

Place.	Date.	Cases.	Deaths.	Remarks.
Alabama:				
Birmingham.....	Jan. 9-Feb. 12.....	19		
Mobile.....	Jan. 16-Mar. 12.....	8		
Montgomery.....	Dec. 19-Mar. 12.....	400		
Total for State.....		427		